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TRANSMITTER AND RECEIVER, AND CDMA MOBILE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM AND

**METHOD** 

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, D.C. 20231

## **RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2000. Applicant submits the following remarks in response to the Examiner's objections.

## **REMARKS**

The Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2, 3 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

## OBJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 103 (a)

In the Office Action, the Examiner raises an obviousness objection with respect to claims 1, 4, 8 and 13 in view of the prior art disclosed in the present application, in combination with Tanaka, U.S. Patent No. 5,636,243.

In response, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 4, 8 and 13 are unobvious in view of any combination of the cited references because there is no suggestion in either of the references that they be combined in the manner suggested by the Examiner. The present application does not address the problem of reducing power consumption in either a TDMA or a CDMA system.

Also, there is no suggestion in Tanaka '243 that intermittent signal

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